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## **RE: UNITED STATES v. EDWARD FEDORA**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Edward Fedora, age 67 of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, pled guilty before Hon. William M. Skretny, United States District Court Judge, to a felony Complaint, charging him with violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 704, namely the illegal sale of a Congressional Medal of Honor and with making a false statement upon his entry into the United States, namely his failure to declare the Medal of Honor upon entering the United States on July 8, 2003.

**Finally, Fedora and his wife, Gisela Fedora, age 60, are charged with conspiracy to sell several Congressional Medals of Honor through the internet, carrying a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both.**

Assistant United States Attorney, Martin J. Littlefield stated the Complaint alleges that the defendants ran a business over the internet which included the attempted sale of Congressional Medals of Honor which is prohibited under United States law. The Complaint charges that from their Mississauga business, the Fedoras advertised to American interest, the sale of at least two Congressional Medals of Honor for \$12,000 and \$30,000, respectively. The Complaint further alleged that the FBI conducted an undercover

investigation which resulted in the purchase and acquisition of one of the medals on May 28, 2003 and culminated in the seizure of the other medal July 8, 2003 during a meeting with Edward Fedora in Buffalo, New York. The Complaint also alleged that when Fedora entered the United States on July 8, 2003, he failed to declare the Medal of Honor, denying that he had anything of value when he entered through the Peace Bridge. Gisela Fedora has not yet appeared on the charge.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Special Agent-In-Charge, Peter Ahearn, and the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under Special Agent-In-Charge, Peter Smith, with the cooperation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 25, 2004 in front of Hon. H. Kenneth Schroeder, United States Magistrate Judge.

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